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SUBJECT: CODEL HAYS

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES CODEL HAYS VISIT TO ATHENS. POLITICAL OFFICER JOHN A. COLLINS WILL SERVE AS CONTROL OFFICER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT CHAIRMAN PREFERS TO STAY GRANDE BRETAGNE HOTEL WHEN IN ATHENS AND HAVE RESERVED TWO SINGLES, ALTHOUGH SHOULD HE PREFER TO STAY AT RESIDENCE, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. KUBISCH WOULD BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO MAKE THE TWO GUEST ROOMS AVAILABLE.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE SOUGHT WITH PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS, FONMIN BITSIOS AND DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF. WE FEEL ABOVE APPOINTMENTS WILL PROVE OF GREATEST VALUE TO CODEL AND WILL MAKE MOST PRODUCTIVE USE OF AVAILABLE TIME. BASED ON CODEL SCHEDULE (REFTEL), WE WOULD SEEK TO SCHEDULE ALL APPOINTMENTS WITH GREEK OFFICIALS FRIDAY, JANUARY 3. SOME DIFFICULTY MIGHT BE ENCOUNTERED IN THAT PARLIAMENT WILL BE IN RECESS DURING THIS PERIOD AND MANY OFFICIALS LEAVE ATHENS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

3. AIR TRAVEL FROM ANKARA TO ATHENS -- WHETHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN -- CURRENTLY POSES THE SAME SPECIAL PROBLEMS. DUE TO CONTROVERSY BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY RELEVANT TO FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY, FLIGHTS FROM ANKARA TO ATHENS ARE ROUTED AS FAR SOUTH AS AREA BETWEEN
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CRETE AND CYPRUS BEFORE TAKING DOG LEG NORTHWARD. IN PRACTICAL

TERMS THIS ADDS ADDITIONAL TWO AND A HALF HOURS TO A NORMAL ONE AND A HALF HOUR FLIGHT (ASSUMING JET AIRCRAFT UTILIZED). OTHER THAN THIS FACTOR, WE DO NOT FORESEE SPECIAL PROBLEMS POSED BY USE MILITARY AIRCRAFT AS LONG AS APPROPRIATE CLEARANCE PROCEDURES ARE FOLLOWED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE.

4. AMBASSADOR KUBISCH LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING CHAIRMAN HAYS AND HOPES HE AND MR. RALSTON WILL HAVE LUNCH WITH HIM SAME DAY OR, ALTERNATIVELY, DRINKS THAT EVENING.
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